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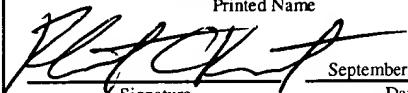
Title: Automated Material  
Handling System for a  
Manufacturing Facility  
Divided into Separate  
Fabrication Areas

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 5, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

**REMARKS**

Claims 16-22 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.